



## COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE NETWORK

*Children, Family & Futures*

A Partnership designed to provide technical assistance,  
program resources and training to child-serving agencies

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# *Bear Valley Community Collaborative*

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## Memorandum of Understanding

The Bear Valley Community Collaborative coordinates resources to  
enhance the quality of life and build healthy families and healthy communities.

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## **BEAR VALLEY COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT**

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Summary: Bear Valley Community Healthcare District's continuum of care and community education includes:

- Bear Valley Community Hospital
- Skilled Nursing Facility
- Childbirth Education/MOM's Project
- BVCHD Family Health Center
- BVCHD Family Counseling Center
- BVCHD Paramedic/Ambulance Service
- Life Care
- BVCH Auxiliary
- Parenting Classes

Our non-profit organization's mission is to deliver the highest quality of care to all members of the community and visitors through the most effective use of available resources.

### Current Projects:

- We are currently working with the Bear Valley Unified School District as an active member of the Healthy Start Project.
- Expansion of Joint Powers Authority in conjunction with Big Bear City Community Services District to include the County of San Bernardino and the City of Big Bear Lake for more cost effective provision of paramedic/ambulance services valley-wide.
- Low cost or free mammography screening through a cooperative arrangement with Soroptimist International of Big Bear Valley.
- Sponsorship of blood drive 3 times a year in conjunction with the Blood Bank of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties.
- Certified site through DHS to provide local Certified Nurses' Aid.

We are currently in the process of converting to a digital radiology system.

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## **BEAR VALLEY HEALTHY START COLLABORATIVE**

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Summary: Bear Valley Healthy Start is a community collaborative with the goal of improving student academic success through increased health, mental health, and social services access and support. Healthy Start employs Health Aides who provide student medical care and Family Advisors who offer individual and small group student support. Family Advisors and Healthy Start staff collaborate with the Lutheran Social Services agency, Bear Valley Healthcare District, Family Counseling Center, Parks & Recreation, local service organizations and the two State Preschools (North Shore and Baldwin Lane sites) in coordinated case management and multidisciplinary team for families with varied needs. Referrals for outreach services are also provided students and families with special needs. Healthy Start also collaborates with case management with local and county agencies. The biggest event that Healthy Start Collaborative sponsors is the annual Family Fun Night, usually held in September, which is a community event where local and government agencies and service organizations provide free food, fun and resources for Bear Valley Families.

Current Projects: Prop 10 preschool outreach and referral services, researching funding sources for sustainability.

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#### **BEAR VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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Summary: Bear Valley Unified School District is committed to creating a system of education, which equips students to be productive citizens in a global society. Bear Valley Unified School District works collaboratively with the Parks and Recreation Department and Soroptimist International of Big Bear in operating Rainbow Kids Club, a before and after school day care service. We are a partner in the Family Preservation Collaborative, a multidisciplinary case management team. The Prop 10 Grant is for increased preschool (at Baldwin Lane School) parent education of child development and school readiness linked with social services, as well as nursing and mental health providers.

Current Projects: Proposition 10 Preschool Services, Healthy Start, Digital High School Grant, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Counseling, Safe & Drug Free Schools & Communications, GATE Education Support, Special Education Support, Bilingual Education Support, North Shore and Baldwin Lane State Preschools.

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#### **BIG BEAR VALLEY HUMMINGBIRD PROJECT, INC.**

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Summary: The Hummingbird Project, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. The specific purposes for which this corporation is organized are to provide services to children from ages 0 to 19 years old and their parents/guardians. The services which will be available are as follows: 1) operation of a thrift store so that good used low cost clothing will be available to newborns to 18 years of age; 2) to help parents/guardians become economically self-sufficient; 3) to provide school supplies to needy school age children; 4) to provide referrals for food, employment or other social services to parents/guardians; 5) to provide tutoring services or referrals to children and parents; 6) to provide low cost "career closet" for parents/guardians seeking employment and 7) to provide help with job searches (job search workshop)

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Summary: General Law Enforcement providing “Protection of Life and Property”. We encounter persons involved in traffic collisions that could use or don’t know of services up in the Mtn. Region. We can pass on the information.

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## **CHILDREN'S NETWORK**

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Summary: Children’s Network is an active participant in the Bear Valley Community Network and assists in creating and updating the interagency MOU. Children’s Network helps identify gaps and overlaps in areas of service to benefit the Bear Valley Community Network and helps coordinate the planning and programming to provide those services. Children’s Network also provides case management through the Family Preservation Councils.

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## **DOVES OF BIG BEAR VALLEY, INC.**

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Mission: Our mission, as a service agency, is to eliminate family violence and sexual assault through effective education, prevention, and treatment programs

Summary: We currently provide the following services: the only 24/7 crisis hotline in the San Bernardino Mountains; two drop-in outreach centers, one in Big Bear Lake, one in Sky Forest; professional and peer individual and group counseling; legal assistance with restraining orders, child custody and visitation issues; emergency transportation; free food and clothing; 24 hour response to law enforcement and hospital; emergency safe housing for men and women; 18 bed long term therapeutically and educationally intensive shelter programs for women and children; children’s counseling; shelter on site child care program; CalWORKS case

management for DV victims; computer training for shelter residents; referrals to other agencies; public education seminars; TDY assistance for the hearing impaired.

Current Projects: Strengthening services to link to Rim communities; development of teen violence prevention project; supervised child visitation program; computer training for shelter residents; obtaining adequate medical care for clients without medical insurance or MediCal coverage; increase of available psychiatric hours in the Big Bear Valley; further development of current collaboration with Operation Breakthrough; recruitment of additional bilingual (Spanish-English) volunteers; men's support group for male victims of domestic violence.

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### **ETERNAL LIGHT MINISTRIES**

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Summary: Eternal Light Ministries offers an emergency needs facility for those in need. Services offered: 3 days of emergency food, shelter assistance for up to 2 day motel vouchers, gas vouchers for medical or other appointments off the hill, bus tokens, thrift store providing no cost or low cost clothing and household items, and job training classes (new in 2000). All services offered to low to moderate-income families and individuals.

Current Projects: As mentioned above our projects for the year 2000 include a move to a new retail facility with office space for training and educational center, and the creation of a "Big Bear Works Program" which would offer job preparedness classes and computer training. The program would also encourage local businesses to hire and train workers to expand their staff and train individuals in areas where they had no previous experience.

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Summary: The Children and Families Commission for San Bernardino County was created in December 1998 to realize the benefits of Proposition 10 (California Children and Families First Act) for the County's youngest residents and their families. The act created a program for the purpose of promoting, supporting, and improving the early development of children from the prenatal stage to five years of age.

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### **KIWANIS, BIG BEAR VALLEY CONCERNED CITIZENS**

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Summary: Kiwanis works with the handicapped, underprivileged. We are community service organization with 100% return to the community on collected and raised funds.

Current Projects: Camp Oaks improvement and Mountain Fun Day.

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**L.I.T.E. CENTER @ SBC LIBRARY**

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Summary: The Mission of the San Bernardino County Library LITE (Literacy, Information, Technology, and Education) Center is to offer programs and resources to assist today's young children, their parents and caregivers in developing skills and the potential to meet tomorrow's challenges.

Each LITE center provides developmentally appropriate programming, intergenerational family activities, special collections of books, toys, puppets, audio-visuals and other materials in multiple formats and languages in a specially designed library venue. Computer and Internet access will also be available.

Additionally, the LITE centers provide a family-centered environment within the library that incorporate services offered by community based professional organizations and service groups through collaborations. These innovative links foster the development of library-based family support services and referrals. San Bernardino County Library is committed to provide necessary training, programming and professional staff to all participants.

Current Projects: Parenting Workshops, Parent/Child Workshops for children 0-5 years, their parents, caregivers and professional caregivers reading and kindergarten readiness, local professional resources referrals.

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**LOVE, INC.**

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Summary: Work for churches of Bear Valley and fill the needs of the community.

Current Projects:

- Resource List
  - Setting up Office
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**LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES**

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Summary:

- Family preservation collaborative
- Employing interns
- Employed bilingual therapist Probation Day Reporting
- Outreach Family Support Services
- Individual & Family Counseling
- Anger Management
- “Positive Discipline” Parenting
- Men’s & Women’s Batterers Intervention
- Seniors Warmline & Isolation Relief
- Wellness Group
- Family Resource Center
  - Warmline
  - Walk-in
  - Case Management
  - Free Lending Library
  - Emergency Sundries Pantry
  - Inland Caregivers Group
  - Child Care Database

Current Projects:

- Respite Conferences & Education for Caregivers
- Building Child Abusers Treatment Program
- Senior Outreach
- Emergency Sundries Pantry

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Summary: Operation Breakthrough offers parenting education, intervention and treatment for substance abuse related issues regardless of the ability to pay.

Current Projects:

- Youth to Youth Prevention



- Teen and adult outpatient substance abuse treatment
- Big Bear Drug Court
- Safe Harbor Family Treatment Programs for substance abuse issues

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### **ROBIN BRADLEY, PHD**

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Summary: A professional psychological practice dedicated to helping children, adults and families to improve their personal well-being, relationships and quality of life. Education and therapy services empower clients to:

- Define and prioritize the issues that are currently most critical to well being
  - Increase understanding and gain skills to resolve current limitations and increase life balance
  - Make choices that improve healthy living, quality relationships and life fulfillment.
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Summary: Reproductive Health Section (RHS) provides free or low-cost, confidential reproductive health exams for males and females, including teens, at nine convenient locations in Barstow, Big Bear, Fontana, Joshua Tree, Needles, Ontario, Redlands, San Bernardino, and Hesperia (Victor Valley) by friendly, Spanish bi-lingual staff. These assessments include breast & pelvic exams and Pap smears for females, and testicular cancer screening/prostate checks for males, as needed. STD testing and treatment, HIV testing and referral to care, pregnancy testing and counseling are available, upon request. Medications and lab tests are accessible on site. Vasectomy surgery is offered at clinics in Ontario, San Bernardino, and Hesperia. Afternoon teen walk-in services are offered in Fontana, Ontario, Redlands, San Bernardino, and Hesperia. Educational services for middle and high school students, parents, and community members presented to those interested by calling 1-800-722-4777. This number may also be used in speaking to clinic staff and for making appointments.

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### **SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – NORTH SHORE STATE PRESCHOOL/NORTH SHORE STATE PRESCHOOL**

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Summary: We are committed to enhancing the quality of life for our children and families in our program. We provide options and choices to build healthy families. We provide comprehensive education, parent involvement and mental health services.